

BIG SANDY NEWS.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12, 1902.

Turkeys at J. B. Crutcher's.

Burn, on the 6th, to George Hale and wife, a son.

Go to Robt. Burchett's for fresh fruits of all kind.

If your boy wants a drum, get it at Conley's, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c or \$1.

Fire works of all kinds at John Crutcher's.

Louisa Chapter R. A. M. meets this (Friday) night.

You can always find fresh candies at Robt. Burchett's.

One year ago (Dec. 12,) the weather in Louisa was mild and pleasant.

Nice fat turkeys at J. B. Crutcher's, either dressed or "on foot." Order for Christmas.

Go and see Conley's line of goods for presents, whether you want to buy now or not.

Full consideration of quality will show Snyder Bros. to be the cheapest place in this section to buy furniture.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones have been quite sick since they moved into their new home on Franklin street. Both are some better.

Make your selections of presents early. You will find what you want at Conley's.

Try some of that fine buckwheat flour at J. B. Crutcher's. It is the best made.

We are selling good furniture cheaper than other people are selling cheap furniture. Convince yourselves by looking at our stock.

This is the season when buckwheat cakes taste best. J. B. Crutcher has the best flour.

A "linen shower" will be given by Mrs. A. M. Campbell on the 20th inst., in honor of Miss Hildagard Hoffa, the bride-elect.

Oysters, celery, cranberries, fruits, and nuts, fresh and choice, all during the holidays, at J. B. Crutcher's.

John B. Spencer presented us with the largest turnip we have ever seen. It weighed eight pounds. He has 100 bushels of turnips of almost this size.

The best line of goods for presents ever brought here are now on display at Conley's. All prices reasonable.

W. D. Botner has moved into the J. W. Jones property and W. O. Pierce now occupies the tower floor of the house vacated by him. Sam Picklesimer has rented the second story.

Place your order for your Christmas dinner supplies with J. B. Crutcher and you will not be disappointed in getting them properly filled.

MATTRESSES, \$1.00.—We are selling mattresses at \$1.00 each, the same kind that others are asking \$1.75 to \$2.25 for.

SNYDER BROS., Louisa, Ky.

If you want to save money, buy winter shoes, clothing and groceries at G. V. Meek.

F. S. Thompson and Billie Hiffe each received five dollars from the Equivocal guessing contest. This is all the money that came to Louisa but a good many times that amount was sent away.

Lawrence county owes some dues to the Big Sandy River Improvement Association. This is the best money we can invest, and our citizens should be liberal in the matter.

Marvin D. Boland and Miss Carl Peterson were married at Ashland Wednesday and are now in Washington City on a bridal trip. Dr. full account of the wedding will be published next week.

The people of Louisa and vicinity know that when they want nice fresh supplies for special occasions, such as Christmas dinners, and the surest and best place to get everything is at John Crutcher's.

The Big Sandy trains are doing remarkable passenger business and have been for several months. The service is giving entire satisfaction, and the heavy traffic is due in no small measure to this fact.

U. S. Court is in session in Catlettsburg. Robt. Seaberry and a man named Isaacs, from Brushy, Lawrence county, were convicted of whiskey selling. The case against M. D. Perkins was continued by the government until next term.

Judge and Mrs. R. T. Burns were to have all their family and most of their grandchildren at home with them through the holidays. L. S. Johnson and family are already on their way here from Jamestown, Rhode Island, but will stop with relatives along the way for a few days. Mrs. C. H. Williams and four children will come home from Waukesha, Wis., a little later on.

The Seaboard Airline has another party of engineers at work between here and Ashland.

Marriage license was issued Monday to W. H. Moore, 21, of Prosperity, and Miss Emma Wellman, 18, of Irad.

C. E. Hoesley, age 33, and Miss Margaret Garland, age 24, of this place, were married last Saturday. The groom is the well known restaurant man, and the marriage is the result of a long courtship.

There are prospects of a fire brick manufactory being erected in Louisa, provided the prices of property are not too high. Let everybody encourage it in every way possible. The time has come when Louisa can secure a number of these much needed enterprises by a little effort. We are not likely to get them without effort.

The largest stock of winter goods ever brought to Louisa now open and must go at cut prices. All solid leather shoes, up to date clothing, calicoes, outtings, winter goods of all kinds. See our goods and the prices we quote will convince you we are the cheapest.

Leo Frank Marcum, of Cerro was married to Miss Nona Grothe, of Baltimore, Md., on the 3rd inst., and they are now in Washington City, where Mr. Marcum holds the position of private secretary to Congressman Hughes. He is an excellent young man, a son of Judge W. W. Marcum, formerly of Louisa. The bride lived at Cerro until recently. She is a pretty and cultured young lady.

"Hello Sam, what you gwine?"

"To G. V. Meek's Cheap Cash Store, in case!"

"Got I kin guess what you're after? Well, guess."

"Big pair shoes all solid leather?"

"Yes! Two suits underwear that'll last two years?"

"Big suit clothes that'll last forever and turn to a steamboat?"

"Well, you're the gossamer nigger I ever saw, so meet me at Meek's store."

The experience in getting ladders during the fire Wednesday morning shows the importance of having a better arrangement about this important matter. The city owns good fire ladders, but they should not be kept locked up in the city building. They should be at some central point easy of access day or night. Formerly one of these ladders was kept hanging on the side of W. N. Sullivan's store, and this was the best arrangement over provided.

A large number of the following invitations have been sent out: Mr. and Mrs. William D. Hoffa request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Hildagard Esther.

Mr. Homer Alexander Scholze, on Tuesday, December the twenty-third, nineteen hundred and two, at half past one o'clock, M. E. Church, South, Louisa, Ky.

The prospective bride is one of Louisa's handsomest young ladies. The groom is a competent civil engineer employed by the government on the improvement of the Big Sandy river.

Mrs. Myrtle Elswick Wells, formerly of this place, is being held in Cincinnati upon a charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. She had been conducting a matrimonial bureau under the name of Mrs. R. C. Evans. It is said that she and her husband, Oscar G. Wells, have been in this business in St. Louis and Chicago. Recently Wells deserted her for another woman, and she has been carrying on the business in Cincinnati, it is alleged. The plan used was to advertise for husbands and wives for mythical wealthy persons, and when "suckers" answered, the matrimonial bureau charged \$5 or \$10 to put them in correspondence with the supposed advertiser. Receiving the fee was the object of the whole matter, and the victims never heard from the "bureau." The Cincinnati papers state that the woman's younger sister, Ixelle, who left here with the family of Rev. Evans, is to be sent back to Louisa. Wells was arrested in Indiana on the same charge as that against his wife.

Attorney W. W. Marcum has brought suit for \$10,000 damages against the American bridge company, for the death of Mr. Payne's son while building the bridge on Sandy for the electric car line—Wayne News.

Retains received at Wheeling at the office of State School Superintendent Miller indicate that the laural, or Rhododendron, received the majority of votes cast by the school children of the state, their parents and patrons in the contest to select a state flower.

Soft Harness

You can make your harness as soft as a glove and so tough as wire by using EUREKA Harness Oil.

EUREKA Harness Oil

Unbeaten for making harness like new. Made of pure kerosene and oil. It is not a grease, but a true oil. It is sold everywhere in cans—all sizes.

Made by STANDARD OIL CO.

BIG FIRE.

Louisa's Heaviest Loss from Flames in Half a Century.

Early Wednesday morning Louisa suffered the heaviest loss from fire that has occurred for fifty years or more, and the remarkable part of it is that all the loss falls upon one man, Mr. John F. Hackworth. His store building, stock of goods, account books, wearing apparel and personal effects, valued at between \$10,000 and \$15,000, were swept away. There was not a dollar of insurance on anything. Mr. Hackworth barely escaped with his life, being rescued through a window by means of a ladder brought by neighbors.

At 3:30 a. m., Mrs. Billie Riffe was awakened by cries of distress. A hurried investigation showed her that Mr. Hackworth's store was on fire and that he was imprisoned in the second story. He was at a window calling for help, clad only in trousers and shirt. The smoke was so dense that he could not go back to get his clothing. Mrs. Riffe gave the alarm and the town was soon aroused by the ringing of gongs and ringing of church bells. But it was too late to do more than save Mr. Hackworth and surrounding buildings. The flames had too much of a start.

The town fire ladders were secured from the city building by breaking through a window, and Mr. Hackworth escaped not any too soon.

He has been sleeping on the second floor of his store ever since this building was erected. Wednesday morning he was awakened by the strong smell of smoke and went to the window and looked out, but could see no evidence of fire. He then opened the door leading to the stairway, and was met by such a volume of dense smoke and heat that he was stunned and stifled. Making his way to a window, he accidentally got hold of an old pair of trousers, which he put on while calling for help.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It started near the stairway. Mr. Hackworth has a distinct recollection of turning out the gas very carefully in the stove near that place.

The safe sat near a rear window, and as soon as it could be done, water was poured on it constantly. It contained money, government bonds and notes to the value of many thousands of dollars. The safe was opened Wednesday evening, and all the valuables were found unharmed.

During the excitement, P. H. Vaughan, the merchant, was painfully injured by a spike on the foot of a ladder piercing his thigh. He has suffered severely from it, and is not yet able to be out.

The plate glass windows in the front of G. W. Gunnell's store were broken by the heat. The walls of the burning building stood until late in the evening. The fire was thus confined so that other buildings were saved without much difficulty.

The burned building was one of the most substantial in town, and one of the last that would have been expected to burn. It was a two-story brick, built by Hackworth & Burns. Mr. Hackworth has not yet decided whether or not he will rebuild. He came here from Floyd county in the early sixties, and soon after the close of the civil war embarked in the merchandising business with Mr. R. T. Burns. The business prospered and the partnership existed until a few years ago. Mr. Hackworth has done a steady, prosperous business, and is one of our most substantial citizens. In his loss he has the sympathy of all.

For Rent.

8-room house, large yard and garden, good orchard, two cellars, good barn and out buildings, half-mile from town, on river and railroad.

Farm, 100 acres, good house, large orchard and out buildings, half-mile from Louisa.

Farm, three miles above Louisa, good buildings, on river and railroad.

Also, several hundred acres of good farming land to lease. Good opportunity to right party. Must have team and implements. Terms apply to Fulkerson Bros.

Money on Claims.

I have money to pay Lawrence county claims for 1902 up to and including the following numbers: road and bridge No. 1551; common, 1362; court house, any number.

For Sale.

Complete livery stable, 20 horses, buggies, hacks, wagons, harness, etc., well established trade; chance of a life time for right party. Terms reasonable. Reason for selling, going into other business.

Returned received at Wheeling at the office of State School Superintendent Miller indicate that the laural, or Rhododendron, received the majority of votes cast by the school children of the state, their parents and patrons in the contest to select a state flower.

DEATHS.

Mr. L. P. Watson died at his home in Ashland Tuesday night, after a long illness. The burial will take place this afternoon in the old graveyard near Webbville. Until three years ago Mr. Watson had lived near that place, and he was one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens in the county.

Mr. Watson was born in Carter county, Ky., and was 63 years of age. He was married twice. His first wife was a Miss Webb, and his last wife, who still survives him, was Miss Ellen Patterson, of West Virginia. Four children survive him—two sons, W. L. Watson, of the firm of Bush, Watson & Company, of Ashland, and Dr. M. G. Watson, of this city; and two daughters, Mrs. J. F. Riffe, of near Webbville, and Mrs. C. Y. Hayes, of Ashland.

The deceased was a consistent Christian, a devoted husband and a kind father.

A telegram received here Wednesday morning brought the news of the death of William Riggs, which occurred in a Cincinnati hospital during the night previous. He had been at the hospital for several months. His son George wired instructions to ship the body to this place, and it arrived here yesterday morning. The interment took place in Pine Hill Cemetery, where the wife and a daughter of the deceased are buried. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock p. m., yesterday, from the residence of Mrs. L. M. Adkins, sister-in-law of the deceased.

Three children survive him, the youngest being Miss Willie, age 15. The others are George and Milton. The latter is in Japan in the service of the U. S. hospital corps.

Mr. Riggs was 50 years of age and lived here for many years. Since the death of his wife, however, he has been away most of the time. He was well liked here and had but few, if any enemies.

James Skaggs died at Chestnut, Johnson county, Monday evening, after an illness extending over four months. He was about forty years of age. A widow and eight children survive him. He was formerly employed on the section force of the C. & O.

Solomon Williamson, a well known citizen of this county, died suddenly at the home of his son George at Buchanan Monday evening. The rupture of a blood vessel in his head caused his death. He was 71 years old and was still quite an active man. He had a number of relatives in Louisa. The burial took place Wednesday.

Kentucky Coal Beds.

The Geological Survey, working in co-operation with the Kentucky State Survey, has had a geological party in the Kentucky coal fields for several months past. This party, in charge of Dr. Geo. H. Ashley, geologist, has traversed all the portion of the field likely to be reached soon by railways. The work has consisted in making out the general structure and stratigraphy of the field, but more especially in a detailed study of the coal beds, to determine their number and the facilities with which they can be worked; their relative position to one another, to sea level, and to the adjacent drainage; the details of each bed as to thickness, parting, roof, floor, extent and dip through the mountains, and the correlation with other beds. Large numbers of the coals were properly sampled and analyzed and hundreds of photographs taken. Now maps of the area are being prepared on which to show the extent and position of each of the workable coal beds. The Government expects to publish the report of the work as soon as it can be properly prepared—Washington dispatch to Courier Journal.

Just Across the River
In West Virginia.

Virginia Frazier, daughter of S. H. Frazier, of Wayne, died Wednesday last week. The funeral services were held by Rev. J. D. Garrett and E. C. Switzer.

By the collision of a yard engine at Huntington Monday with a Camden Interstate electric car, Motorman Ed Willis, of Central City, was probably fatally injured and Hallam Baumgartner, of Barbourville, a passenger, was dangerously wounded and cut about the head and body.

The tools to be used in building the railroad to East Lynn, have been shipped here, preparatory to beginning the work of grading. It is said that steps will be taken at the coming term of circuit court to condemn the right of way through a number of tracts of land where the interested parties cannot agree on the amount of damages—Wayne News.

A detective agency has been organized at Kenova with J. B. Wireman and Garfield Robinson as Directors; J. B. Clark, Chief Detective; J. B. Smith, General Superintendent and Sergeant, and J. P. Reh, Secretary and Treasurer. It will be known as the Kenova Detective Agency. The agency has secured a couple of bloodhounds and proposes to go into business in the proper manner.

PERSONALS.

Dr. M. S. Leslie, of Greenup, paid Louisa relatives a short visit Friday.

G. L. Hazleton and daughter Miss Myra, were in Catlettsburg Saturday.

Junior Lackey has been visiting his sister, Mrs. H. C. Corns, in Catlettsburg.

Richard Moore, of Lockwood, visited his sister, Mrs. Alexander Lackey this week.

Misses Emma Northup and Kate Freese made a trip to Ashland and Catlettsburg Sunday.

Miss Laura Hazleton has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Cincinnati.

James Evans and wife returned Saturday from a visit to relatives in Lawrence county, Ohio.

Marvin D. Boland, of Fairmont, W. Va., spent Sunday here with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Boland.

Mrs. G. L. Hazleton returned Saturday from Cincinnati, where she spent a few weeks with relatives.

Milt Mayo, of Paintsville, was here Friday and Saturday on his way home from a visit to relatives in Illinois.

Dr. Fred Marcum and family, of Centerville, W. Va., came up Saturday and stayed over Sunday with Louisa relatives.

Mrs. Chestnut, of Chillicothe, Ohio, who has been here since Thanksgiving visiting her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Lewis, returned home Monday.

L. B. Allen, an engineer employed by the C. & O. on the Big Sandy extension, passed up Monday morning with his wife, after a visit to the latter's father, H. C. Boughton, in Ashland.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I am compelled to settle with the county on Jan. 1st so when the deputy sheriff calls on you he must have the money or will levy. I have been very liberal with you but this settlement must be made. J. H. CORDELL, SHERIFF.

TRAVELING THROUGH THE WORLD.

The man who fails is the man who quails.

When he sees Dame Trouble appear, And foolishly frets and weakly lets Her lead him around by the ear.

The man who wins Kicks Fate on the shins.

Whenever she gets in his way— Flings her from the track and never turns back.

To hear what she has to say. —S. E. Kiser.

CLOAK NEWS

FROM OUR BUSIEST DEPARTMENT.

Jackets are selling very rapidly; the garment makers evidently hit the mark, for this season's coats struck the public's fancy as never before—

From the lightest Tans to the deepest Black and dainty styles for stylish women.

Stylish Garments were never lower in price here.

Our stock isn't as complete as it was, though we have just received another large lot in "Monte Carlos" and other styles just as good.

Our price in Jackets-- 2 to \$15.

Our price in Plush Capes-- 1.00 to \$8.

Don't delay your buying.

G. W. GUNNELL.

Santa Claus is Working for Us

With lamps, vases, dolls, perfumery, fancy box writing paper—everything nice for Xmas presents. A nice pair of spectacles would please father, mother or grandparents. We have them from 15c to \$2. per pair, solid gold and silver frames, written guarantee with every pair. Would cost you twice as much at other stores. Nicest line of candies in town, will undersell all others. See us before you buy millinery, it is a special feature with us. Our second opening begins Dec. 10.

Shot a Negro.

News reached here Wednesday of trouble in the railroad camp near Calf Creek, up Tag river. It is on the work of P. J. Miller, who has the contract of building the Bull Mountain tunnel on the N. & W. railroad's new line. A negro staying at the camp refused to work and Mr. Miller forcibly ejected him. A little later the negro came up behind Mr. Miller and struck him a heavy blow with an axe handle, knocking him down. The negro continued to strike him with the evident intention of murder. J. Fletcher Marcum, of Catlettsburg, who was running the commissary, was some distance away, but saw the assault and ran to Mr. Miller's rescue. He shot the negro just above the heart, producing a wound that is regarded as fatal. Miller's wounds are not considered serious.

And all other kinds of Musical Goods, strings and findings.

CONLEY'S STORE.

SPECIAL GOODS

FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS SUCH AS

Weddings, Holidays and Birthdays.

<h3>Cut Glass.</h3> <p>By far the most complete line ever brought to Louisa, and larger than you can find in any other town of this size. Nothing but good patterns. Prices from \$1.50 to \$15.00.</p>	<h3>JEWELRY.</h3> <p>There is scarcely any limit to the possibilities of this line for presents. There is no age, condition or circumstance that cannot be fittedly supplied here.</p> <p>PLAIN AND SET.</p> <p>Watches: From \$2.25 to \$35.00. Boys watch, guaranteed time-keeper, \$2.25. Ladies watches from \$5 to \$30. Gents at all prices. Chains, Charms and Guards. Clocks from 75c to \$8. Plain and fancy. Chatelaine bags in Silver.</p> <p>China and Fancy Goods.</p> <p>Fine single plates, vases, plaques, etc., candelabras, jardiniere, genuine ebony toilet sets and traveling cases, sterling trimmings, gold plate dresser mirrors and photo frames, pictures, purses and chattelaines.</p>	<h3>Books.</h3> <p>When you fail to find a holiday or anniversary gift in all other lines, turn to BOOKS and you will find something that exactly fits. From the prattling child who enjoys the highly colored picture books, to the aged person who finds pastime or solace in fiction or sacred works, as the case may be; all find books acceptable as gifts. Our line will surprise you with its completeness.</p> <p>Bibles and Testaments.</p> <p>Prices range from 5c to \$5.00. Teachers' Bibles, Testaments and Psalms, and Family Bibles.</p>
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Make your selections early, and be ready to enjoy the season thoroughly.

CONLEY'S STORE

Louisa, Kentucky.